

# Lenox Public Schools

## School Committee

### Via Remote Access

**February 1, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

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Join the webinar:

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Vaughan, Robert Munch, Molly Elliot, Frances Sorrentino, Christine Mauro, Anne Marie O'Brien, David Rimmner (6:45 pm arrival)

**ALSO PRESENT:** William Cameron, Melissa Falkowski, Brenda Kelley, Kimberly Dion

**I. CALL TO ORDER. RV, Chair; 6:30 pm**

**II. HEARING OF VISITORS**

- Public comment

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**IV. BOARD REPORT**

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2021

**MOTION by ME and seconded by AO to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 School Committee meeting.**

**RM: aye**

**ME: aye**

**FS: aye**

**CM: aye**

**AO: aye**

**RV: aye**

**Approved 6-o, one absent.**

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2021

**MOTION by ME and seconded by FS to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 School Committee meeting.**

**RM: aye**

**ME: aye**

**FS: aye**

**CM: aye**

**AO: aye**

**RV: aye**

**Approved 6-o, one absent.**

## **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Activity Fee for Winter Sports. WC recommends School Committee to approve a reduction of the activity fee for winter sports for 2020-21 by 50% to \$25.

**MOTION by FS and seconded by AO to reduce of the activity fee for winter sports by 50% to \$25.**

**RM: aye**

**ME: aye**

**FS: aye**

**CM: aye**

**AO: aye**

**RV: aye**

**Approved 6-o, one absent.**

- PreK tuition for 2021-2022. WC recommends an increase in PreK tuition of \$100 per year, which approximately matches the increase in the salary of PreK teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. KD: Total tuition of \$3400 includes a nonrefundable registration fee of \$200. This is a very competitive tuition for the program.

**MOTION by CM and seconded by ME to increase the PreK tuition by \$100 for the 2021-22 school year.**

**RM: aye**

**ME: aye**

**FS: aye**

**CM: aye**

**AO: aye**

**RV: aye**

**Approved 6-o, one absent.**

- Limited Grades for School Choice for 2021-2022. WC: Choice seats will only be offered in the following grades for 2021—K, 5, 6, and 9. School Committee discussed the two votes taken each year regarding School Choice. It was determined the vote to continue to accept School Choice will no longer be taken (not required if continuing School Choice) and this vote on limited grades for School Choice will be the only vote going forward.

**MOTION by ME and seconded by RM that Lenox Public Schools will accept Choice students in grades K, 5, 6, and 9.**

**RM: aye**

**ME: aye**

**FS: aye**

**CM: aye**

**AO: aye**

**DR: aye**

**RV: aye**

**Approved 7-o.**

- Presentation of Elementary Budget – Brenda Kelley. BK thanked SC, administration and the town for their support of the school and students. BK presented the differences in the Elementary Budget as outlined in the summary changes year to year. SC members asked questions regarding many of these changes. RM indicated he wants to make sure there is enough funding for the health and Guidance departments in light of the potential student needs in this area for the 2021-22 school year due to the impact of COVID on education. MF: There is money in the pandemic relief grants to cover increased needs in this area. This is not reflected in the budget.
- Presentation of SPED Budget – Kimberly Dion. KD presented the differences in the Special Education Budget as outline in the summary of changes year to year. SC members asked questions regarding a number of these changes.
- Presentation of District Admin Budget – William Cameron. WC covered the changes outline in the budget summary for the School Committee and Superintendent's office.
- Presentation of Operations Budget – Melissa Falkowski. MF outlined the changes as highlighted in the budget summary for Operations.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Superintendent Search Update. School Committee unanimously selected Marc Gosselin, and RV offered the position to MG on Friday night. He was honored, and will be responding shortly.
- RM: Notice in The Eagle, three School Committee seats open for the upcoming election.

#### **VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Teaching and Learning
- School Culture and Community Relations
- Governance and Leadership
- Lee/Lenox Shared
- Southern Berkshire Educational Future
- Strategic Planning

**MOTION by RM and seconded by FS to adjourn the meeting.**

**RM: aye**

**ME: aye**

**FS: aye**

**CM: aye**

**AO: aye**

**DR: aye**

**RV: aye**

**Approved 7-0.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm.**

**IX. DOCUMENTS IN PACKET**

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2021
- School Committee Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2021

**X. DOCUMENTS SHARED SEPARATELY**

- Budget Summaries: Morris, Student Services, Admin & Custodial
- Revised preliminary budgets FY22: Morris, Student Services, Admin & Custodial

Submitted by *Amy Noble Novitsky*.